

**DOG FRIENDLY TRAILS, BEACHES & MORE** Artie shared with us one of his favorite places to play. He recommends the Kennebunk Dog Park - being a little "punk" he likes it because there are separate sections for the Biggies and Littles. His mom Jami said it's located on the Sea Road. You can check it out at [http://www.animalwelfaresociety.org/srv\\_dogpark.html](http://www.animalwelfaresociety.org/srv_dogpark.html)

Java & Thumper want share with everyone their very favorite treats; Handcrafted Organic Dog Biscuits. What makes them special is that their parents created these just for them! They brought in some order forms and invite everyone to the Saco Farmers Market on Saturdays from 7am until noon each week - Check out their great website full of all kinds of helpful information and tips at [www.growlingourmet.com](http://www.growlingourmet.com) where Thumper also has his very own page!

Our very own daycare star **Zephyr** makes his photo debut in a catalog for **Fetch Dog** a company founded by actress **Glenn Close**.

A new **POOCH** Store comes to Main Street in Saco! Owner Amy Lambert provided free samples and a coupon good for another sample at the store with any purchase. By all means, bring your furry friend with you to check out all the cool stuff at **SOOPERDOGS** and Amy will photograph your dog! (PS, Amy tells us that the Growling Gourmet organic treats are one of her top sellers!)

#### **A RECIPE TO DE-SKUNK YOUR PUNK**

By mixing together the following:

- 1 qt Hydrogen Peroxide
- $\frac{1}{4}$  C Baking Soda
- 1 tsp Liquid (hand or dish) Soap

Apply with a Wet Sponge & let sit for 10 minutes

**AVOID EYES** - Rinse thoroughly and dry as usual.

#### **TOP TEN REASONS WHY IT COSTS MORE TO GET YOUR PET GROOMED THAN YOUR OWN HAIRCUT.**

10. Your hairdresser doesn't wash and clean your rear end
9. You don't go for eight weeks without washing or brushing your hair
8. Your hairdresser doesn't have to give you a sanitary trim
7. Your hairdresser doesn't have to clean your ears
6. Your hairdresser doesn't have to remove the boogies from your eyes.
5. You sit still for your hairdresser
4. Your haircut doesn't include a manicure or pedicure
3. Your hairdresser only washes and cuts the hair on your head
2. You don't bite or scratch your hairdresser
1. The likelihood of you pooping on the hairdresser is pretty slim



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Dear Friends,

"The Wet One" will be how we describe the summer of 2009. Despite the challenges this presented us, we did get a great deal accomplished at the daycare during our closed week; fresh coats of paint on the floors and walls. Lots of extra cleaning and some reorganizing. The paving however, did not get done, we hope this will be completed before the snow flies.

Amazingly enough the rain hasn't kept our four legged friends from dropping in to romp and play with their friends; Through the end of July we've had 21,856 paws walk right through this facility with lots of energy and confidence, "Good Job Guys!"

Special thanks to those of you who bring in goodies for the staff, believe me they really enjoy every bite! We're considering ordering them new shirts in larger sizes. LOL

As many of you know, Bob & I loss our precious Myah due to cardiomyopathy (heart failure), she went peacefully in her sleep. We thank our staff and you our customers for your thoughts and support during this difficult time.

We'll all miss seeing her tanning in the driveway with a ball in her mouth!

*Jeanne & Bob*

**BIRTHDAY CORNER** - Keep those birthdates coming © We have a great poster we update each month with our Canine Birthdays and a few special folks! We have more ideas to make birthdays special and welcome your suggestions! This continues to be a work in progress project throughout the year.

**WELCOME TO THE PACK** – The puppies are here, the puppies are here! It's been busy in the new pooch department - we conducted more than 30 evaluations in the 2nd quarter!

**Brooksie** - a 2 ½ year old female Sharpei

**Samantha** - a 13 week female golden retriever referred by Cokey and Hillary

**Pebbles & Denver** - a pair of amusing dachshunds

**Bart** - joined the pack after he graduated from our Obedience Class

**Spot** - a beautiful liver & white Dalmatian who is just 2 years old

**Chester Bear & Baby Baxter** a pair of Poms who belong to Sharon

**Princess and Mavric** are the new members to Tobey's family

**Stella** joined us at just 12 weeks -an adorable English bulldog.

**Mia Elizabeth** is a 2 ½ year old ball loving black lab

**Rosie** a 2 year old boxer lab mix who just moved to the area

**Amos** is Jack G's new baby brother and fell in love with Stella

**Cooper** - 18 week old Pom-Dach mix who took to Denise in a heartbeat!

**Bruno** - 7 month old high energy English bulldog

**Abbey Patry** - a 9 year old buff Cocker Spaniel

**Moxie** - a tenacious Jack Russell Terrier

**Ruby Prendiville** - a confident fun-loving Shepherd Mix

**Luna Loba** - a small 4 month old St. Bernard mix

**Snowball & Magilla** - a lively pair of stepbrothers

**Sandy** - a sweet Corgi mix puppy

**Cooper** - 5 month old Pit bull puppy

**Honeybear**- Golden Retriever puppy who's full of mischief

**Lacey** - 7 mo old Goldendoodle referred by Samantha Polley

**Chocorua**- 12 wk old shepherd mix, Bugsy new baby sister

**Gabe** - A confident American Bulldog mix

**Lexus** - A playful 10 mo old female boxer

**Harley** - 4 year old German Shepherd

**Samantha Fine**, an 8 year old yellow lab mix rescued from Virginia

**Sully** - 5 year old yellow lab, Moose's Cousin!

**Killian** - a shy high energy 11 mo old Vizsla

### **OUR HOLIDAY & VACATION "CLOSED" DAYS FOR THIS QUARTER**

September 7 (Labor Day)

**CLUB CARDS** - Savings await you with our Preferred Customer Club Cards.

Purchase 10 daycare visits at our multi-day price and get the 11<sup>th</sup> visit free!

When you calculate the savings for 1 visit-a-week, over the course of the year,

you save \$175 and if you calculate this at 2-times a week you are saving nearly

\$250. These money savers are also special priced for "multi-dog" families. The

best thing is that these Club cards are good for 3 months from the date of

purchase. (Coupons cannot be used for boarding, obedience or grooming.)

### **STAFF NOTES**

*"Just a note to everyone for the compassion and sympathy you showed me at the terrible loss of my beautiful little girl Lousie, she was 13 and had a huge mass on her liver, nothing could be done. My heartfelt gratitude to all of you who showed such kindness." Warm thanks, Denise*

"I found this poem shortly after Lousie's parting, I thought it would touch each heart that's loved and lost a special furry friend," Sharon

I'll Wait  
Poet Unknown

I explained it to St. Peter,  
I'd rather stay here  
Outside the pearly gate.  
I won't be a nuisance,  
I won't even bark, I'll be very patient and wait,  
I'll be here, chewing on a celestial bone,  
No matter how long you may be.  
I'd miss you so much, if I went in alone,  
It wouldn't be heaven for me.

**LYNN'S NOT-SO-CRANKY CORNER....DAMN** Many of you have asked "What goes on back there?" Here goes...after you meet Denise at the door, your puppies go to various places; some take a quick trip out for a pee before they are crated for a bit. This is done to allow us time to assess the "pack" or rather, who's going to hang out with whom. We group dogs by size, age, temperament, status and energy, ie: the ball players, swimmers, mossiers, and the "punks". We (Denise, Tiffany, Julie, I and on occasion, Jeanne) watch to make sure all is well and to "lead" the packs during their play. We intervene when necessary to redirect dogs focus or correct behavior. Oh yes, and in-between, we pick up Lots O' Poop.

We bring the dogs in around 11am for lunch and a much needed rest period - We do the same less the nap - those lucky dogs! Around 12:30 we bring the packs out for an afternoon of romping, swimming, sunning, running, or a nature walk while Denise & her "littles" keep some of our "clingons" entertained. Around 2:30 we start getting dogs ready to go home, this means a cool drink on the way in, coats dried and blown, some gentle brushing, a treat and a little down time. Leaving us wondering "are they excited to see you or are they are just excited to get out again!" Our late-leavers and boarders however, do get to go out for some extra play time in a small group.